

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

In the Office Action, claims 9, 14, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claims 1-8, 10-13, and 16-17 were indicated as being allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Claim 9 has been amended to provide better antecedent basis for a claim element. Accordingly, claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

All Subject Matter Complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 9 particularly points out and distinctly claims the present invention. Claim 9 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to provide better antecedent basis for the "the operating levers" feature. The amendment of claim 9 does not in any way narrow the scope of the claim. It is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Additionally, it is further respectfully submitted that dependent claims 14 and 15 have proper antecedent basis for all features recited in the claims. Specifically, claim 14 recites the feature "a pressing portion, provided at an inner peripheral face" prior to recitations of "the inner peripheral face" in claims 14 and 15. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-mentioned amendment should place the entire case in form for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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